

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 1, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Aldermen present: Mike Kuhle, Scott Nelson, Ron Wood, Mike Woll. Aldermen absent: Lyle Ten Haken and Honorary Council Person Carol "Zuby" Jansen (excused).

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brian Kolander, Finance Director; Scott Rosenberg, Park Superintendent; Kevin Black, Greens Superintendent; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

2012 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Council met to review the Public Works, Recreation, Airport, and Prairie View 2012 proposed budgets.

Public Works - Jim Laffrenzen, Public Works Superintendent, noted there are not a lot of changes from the previous year. Spring clean up costs were reduced by \$32,000, with revenues reduced also, based on the changes made to increase the efficiency of the clean up. The current Street Supervisor is anticipating retirement in January. No replacement of equipment is scheduled and the ERS is close to being fully funded. A brief discussion was held on County Ditch 12.

Airport - should be self supporting - the farm rent contracts will expire in February and rents will be increased. The budget includes \$10,000 for tiling approximately 20-25 acres, which will make the land more appealing for farm rent.

Recreation - No revenues were budgeted from the adult softball league - there were only 7 teams this year, and the women's teams went out of town. Olson Park Campground fees are better than shown for 2011, we had a slow start with the rainy spring and early summer. The budget does not include any expenditure for dandelion spraying in the fall or for tree replacement. Following discussion, it was decided to add \$1,300 back into the budget to spray half the parks next year, with the other half to be sprayed the following year to maintain some type of control on the problem. The CIP included \$25,000 for roof replacement at Centennial Beach, however, following inspection of the existing roof it was determined that it would not be necessary to replace the sheeting - the rubber roof would be removed and replaced with asphalt shingles - which would lower the cost to about \$6,300. Mr. Laffrenzen asked if Council would authorize the expenditure yet this fall to prevent any further damage. Council agreed.

Discussion was held on recommendations from a LMC Insurance/Loss Control rep. who performed an inspection of the parks and equipment, identifying hazardous equipment. The estimate for the total cost of replacement is \$180,000, or \$110,000 for equipment if our people do it. An application for a grant has been made to the Health Care Foundation.

Andy Johnson from the YMCA was present at the meeting and discussed with Council the possibility of working with the City on the recreation programming much like they do now for the Senior Center. The Y would offer the programs but they would be sponsored by the City, with the

same budget amount as proposed for 2012 of \$42,415.

Prairie View - The numbers are pretty much the same as last year. Kevin Black, Golf Course Superintendent, noted he had to do some re-seeding due to the flooding we had earlier this year. He also indicated he would be looking to replacing a pickup and is hoping for a hand-me-down from another department. Prairie View will be sharing equipment again with the Country Club, and he will check with Dakota Golf to see if there is an additional opportunity there. Discussion was held on a suggestion from Alderman Wood to reduce the "add to reserve" amount to \$5,000 from \$25,000 to reduce the bottom line, and look at funding instead through a loan from reserves or hospital dollars.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 a.m.

Janice Oberloh, CMCM
City Clerk